

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know whether the opinion of the High Court is also taken into consideration in appointing these Judges?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Of course, yes.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—What was the opinion of the High Court?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That is confidential.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether the Supreme Court comes into the picture?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Yes, it does.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—I suppose, if there is difference of opinion between the Supreme Court and the Central Government. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no supposition.

Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA.—Whose opinion, whether that of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or State Government's, that should weigh?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Such question should be put to the Supreme Court.

Smuggling of Sandalwood in Lorries

Q.—145 Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY (Chiknaikanahally).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of lorry loads of sandalwood smuggled out of the State in the year 1956-57;

(b) the number of such lorries detected by this Government and by other State Governments respectively?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Two lorry loads and one car load.

(b) One car load and one lorry load by this Government and one lorry load by the Bombay Government.

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I want to correct the answer with your permission. It should be: (a) one car load (b) one car load and two lorry loads.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—May I know the value of these smuggled quantities?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is not in our possession. It is in the possession of the Police. We cannot say what is exactly the value of it.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it not yet disclosed?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—They are in the court.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Can we know how many lorries have gone out of the State not being caught?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am not aware.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—When our Police have failed, it is possible to assume like that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Member must first ask whether the Police have failed. It is not fair to assume that our Police have failed.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Two lorries have gone outside because our Police have failed.

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—One lorry, not two.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know from what forest the sandalwood had been smuggled?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—From the former Mysore State.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What part of the State?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That is one from Hassan Sandal Koti. It was caught by our Police Department. Another was caught at Chikballapur by the Police. Another lorry seems to have been detected in Bombay. That is still under investigation.

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Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is there no Watch and Ward in the Sandalwood forest of Hassan?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—There is a Watch and Ward.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Then how can a lorry go out without being noticed by them?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—The party purchased some sandalwood chips. While transporting that, he managed to get some logs also.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—Is it suspected that any of the officials were in league with this smuggling?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Therefore, investigation is being conducted. Action is being taken against the concerned official also.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—How long has the investigation been going on?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—About six months.

Murder Case in Chiknaikanahalli Taluk

Q.—146. Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY (Chiknaikanahalli).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of murder cases reported and prosecuted in Chiknaikanahalli taluk during 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) the number of cases convicted in each of these years?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(a)	Years	Reported	Prosecution launched
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	1953-54	...	2
	1954-55	...	4
	1955-56	...	4
	1956-57	...	3

(b)	Years	Convicted
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	1953-54	...
	1954-55	...
	1955-56	...
	1956-57	...

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—Has it come to the notice of Government that in the judgements in these cases the in efficiency of the police is also exhibited?

***Sri C. M. POONACHA.**—I want notice of that question. I have not perused the relevant judgments in these cases.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—In view of the failure in so many cases, does Government not think that there is something fishy in these cases?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is a matter of opinion. Even if the officials were slack, it is for the courts to exercise their discretion properly.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Will Government give the reasons for the acquittals?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may read the judgments.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Is Government aware that the number of murder cases is increasing and, if so, what preventive action does Government propose to take?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Every possible action is being taken to prevent the recurrence of such cases.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—Will Government post better and more efficient officers there?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is being done.

Sri T. TAREGOWDA.—Are these acquittals due to the fact that the police collude with the defence witnesses?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is not so.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

Motion for Election of Members to Senate of Mysore University.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I move:

“That this Assembly do proceed to elect six members to the Senate of the Mysore University in accordance with section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956”.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

“That this Assembly do proceed to elect six members to the Senate of the Mysore University in accordance with section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956.”

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The programme will follow.